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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

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31st December, 1968

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Highfield House,
Park Road,
Shepton Mallet,
Somerset.

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9th October 1969.

To : The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1968 prepared in accordance with the instructions of the new Department of Health and Social Security which took office in November of that year.

A birth rate and death rate for the District better than the National or County averages were again a feature of the vital statistics as was the absence of stillbirths or maternal mortality; however there was a raised infant mortality rate.

Notifiable diseases were few in number, but animal infections such as brucellosis and salmonellosis took up a large amount of the time of your public health department. The Public Health (Infective Jaundice) Regulations 1968 came into operation on 15th June 1968, and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968, in which certain infectious diseases were deleted from the list of those to be notified and some were added, took effect on 1st October, but they had little impact on the numbers of cases notified by the end of the year.

On the environmental side as detailed by the Senior Public Health Inspector in his admirable Report, work progressed on the sewerage scheme for Cranmore and schemes were in preparation for three other villages. Refuse is becoming an ever increasing problem in the District with unauthorised litter dumps, and the need for a new dump possibly in conjunction with other authorities.


I am indebted to the Senior Public Health Inspector, additional Public Health Inspectors and staff for their continued co-operation and to the Clerk, Surveyor and Members of the Council for their courtesy and support.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

D. E. CLARE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres)	47,167
Estimated population (mid-year 1968)	10,720
Number of inhabited houses	3,563
Rateable Value (at 31.12.68)	£319,198
Product of a Penny Rate (1968-69)	£1,267

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1968

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales where available)

B I R T H S

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet RDC.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England</u>
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		<u>& Wales</u>
Legitimate	88	77	165			8,305	(provisional)
Illegitimate	9	3	12			561	
Totals	97	80	177			8,866	819,275
Rate per 1,000 population				16.5	18.0	16.9	16.9
(Area births comparability factor 1.09)						(corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected birth rate to national rate						1.06	

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 6.78	6.33
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STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	Nil		
Illegitimate	Nil		
Total		126	11,847
Rate per 1,000 live and still births		13.83	14.0

TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS

97	80	177	8,992	831,122
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D E A T H S

<u>Total Deaths</u> 54 62 116		7,531	576,601
(all ages)			
Rate per 1,000 population 10.8 9.9		10.9	11.9
(Area deaths comparability factor 0.92)		(corrected)	
Ratio of corrected death rate to national rate 0.83			

INFANT DEATHS

(under 1 year)

Legitimate	-	3	3	127	
Illegitimate	-	1	1	12	
Totals	-	4	4	139	14,952

(under 4 weeks)

Legitimate	-	2	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Totals	-	2	2	99	10,100

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
(under 1 week)							
Legitimate	-	2	2				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
Totals	-	2	2			83	8,600

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total Infant deaths per 1,000							
Total Live births	...	23,0				15.6	18.0
Legitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 Legitimate live births		18.1				15.29	
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	83.3				21.39	

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES

(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)		11.3				11.02	12.3
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)		11.3				9.3	10.5
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Still births & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births)		11.3				23.24	25.0
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MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of deaths	...	Nil				1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	Nil				0.11	

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(five year period 1964 - 68)

<u>Disease</u>			<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	2	-	-	1	-
Acute Primary Pneumonia	...	...	3	2	-	-	-
Dysentery	...	...	-	-	3	-	-
Erysipelas	...	...	2	2	-	-	-
Food Poisoning...	...	...	4	-	-	-	1
Measles	...	...	1	100	22	203	48
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	...	...	4	4	1	6	4
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	...	...	-	2	1	2	-
Tuberculosis - Non Respiratory	1.	...	-	1	1	1	-
Whooping Cough...	...	...	27	-	-	5	-
Total...			43	111	28	219	53

Causes of Death at different periods of life during 1968
(as given by the Registrar-General)

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & up.
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm- Lung, Bronchus	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm- Breast	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm- Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	6
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Asthma	F	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Peptic Ulcer	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis of liver	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito- Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other Causes of Peri- natal Mortality	F	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & ill-defined conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
All other accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total All Causes	M	54	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	5	20	22
	F	62	2	2	-	1	1	-	3	4	6	10	33

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1968

(the figures are in general too small for much importance to be attached to them, but certain broad statements can be made).

Population

The Registrar-General estimates an increase of 60 over the mid-year population for 1967. Births exceeded deaths by 61.

Births

Live Births - increased by 1 over the previous year and the Corrected Birth Rate remained noticeably higher than the County or National averages. Illegitimate live births fell by 7 from 19 in 1967 to 12, as in 1966, and the percentage of these approximated the County figure.

Still Births - it is a pleasure to record that there were none.

Deaths

All Ages - rose by 13 above the figure for 1967 to 116, with a corresponding rise in the death rates but these still compare favourably with the rates for Somerset and England & Wales.

Infant Deaths - rose to 4 from nil in the previous year with corresponding rises in the mortality rates. However, the Neonatal Mortality approximates the County and National averages, whilst the Perinatal Mortality Rate is less than half these figures.

Maternal Mortality - again no deaths resulted in women from the District from pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

Causes of Death

Cardio-Vascular and Cerebro-Vascular Diseases - deaths fell by 3 compared with the previous year to 52 and of these half were caused by Ischaemic and Other Heart Diseases and the rest by Cerebrovascular and Other Diseases of the Circulatory System.

Cancer again took second place as a cause of death, with 24 deaths, 6 more than in the previous year. As regards site, Lung cancer led with 6 deaths followed by Breast cancer with 3, Stomach with 2 and Uterus or Womb with 1.

Respiratory Diseases caused 1 more death (14) than in 1967. Bronchitis and Emphysema caused 5 of these deaths, Pneumonia 4 and Asthma 2. These asthma deaths are particularly unfortunate in that they occurred in early age groups, one in the 5 - 14 age group and the other in the 15-24 group.

Accidents caused 6 deaths, none of these involving a motor vehicle. Five of them were female deaths and it will be seen that 2 were in the first year of life.

Notifiable Diseases

As shown in the five-year Table, there was a marked drop in measles cases to a quarter of the incidence of the previous year.

The four cases of scarlet fever notified were amongst children from scattered villages in the District and bore no common relationship.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec.47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No cases requiring action under the provisions of these Acts occurred in the District during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959, (Sec.20)

Bovine Brucellosis was reported by the County Health Department on three farms in the District where raw milk was retailed. In one instance, only a small quantity was retailed locally, and this was given up voluntarily by the farmer. As the bulk milk went for pasteurisation, a formal Heat Treatment Notice was not required.

With regard to the other two farms, large amounts of raw milk were retailed locally and it was necessary to serve Heat Treatment Notices. In the case of one farm, the infection was traced to 4 cows which were effectively segregated from the rest of the herd so that it was possible to lift the Notice on the remainder of the herd. In the case of the other farm, no clearance was carried out and the Notice was therefore still in operation at the end of the year.

FOOD POISONING AND SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

The case of food poisoning notified was a woman returning from a holiday in Malta where she picked up a Salmonella typhimurium infection.

Another case of Salmonella typhimurium infection, unrelated in time or locality, and not proven food-borne, occurred in a child attending a village school. No other members of the family or school were affected.

Lastly, Salmonella enteritides var jena infection occurred in a young boy who went for occasional rides in his father's lorry and investigations carried out pointed to the animal fertilisers carried in the lorry as the source of infection.

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1964-1968 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND & WALES

		<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
1	<u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
	Shepton Mallet R.D.C....	14.98	18.65	19.01	18.0	18.0
	Somerset ...	16.86	16.76	17.86	17.7	16.9
	England & Wales ...	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.9
2	<u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
	Shepton Mallet R.D.C....	9.33	11.24	8.21	9.0	9.9
	Somerset ...	10.62	10.18	10.37	10.1	10.9
	England & Wales ...	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9
3	<u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
	Shepton Mallet R.D.C....	13.9	22.2	16.3	Nil	23.0
	Somerset ...	13.0	10.75	15.12	14.0	15.6
	England & Wales ...	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

Owing to the low average number of G.P. referred patients examined, and also to the consistently poor public response, the fortnightly visits by the Mass Radiography Unit were discontinued at the end of September. The figures below are therefore for the period up to that date. The number of General Practitioner cases attending was 14.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number examined	49	60	109
Abnormalities detected	1	2	3

Details of abnormalities Detected

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Enlarged heart	1	1	2
Sarcoidosis	-	1	1

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(A) WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Main Supplies

(the following information was kindly provided by the Bristol Waterworks Company).

(a) General The public supplies of water in the District were adequate. All raw water is chlorinated before being passed into the mains.

(b) Sampling

1. <u>Chlorinated Water</u>	Number of samples taken	535
	Satisfactory ..	509

(the unsatisfactory samples were due to insufficient chlorine after heavy rain).

2. Untreated Water 175 samples of raw water were examined, many of which showed evidence of contamination, but not to the extent that the subsequent treatment by chlorination proved inoperative.

3. Chemical Analysis Numerous samples were taken for chemical analysis.

(c) Lead Solvency The water supplies in the District are not known to have any dissolving effect on lead.

(d) Carrying out of works The Company have laid 7,251 yards of tapping mains.

(e) Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies The following figures have been supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company :-

Stoke Bottom	...	...	0.06	(average Fluoride p.p.m as F)
West Bradley	...	...	0.45	
Three Ashes	...	...	0.20	
Farncombe	...	...	0.16	
Evercreech	...	...	0.10	
Milton Clevedon..	...	...	0.15	
Lydford (ex Wessex Water				
Board).			0.22	
Gurney Slade	...	...	0.05	

2. Private Main Supplies

There are now no major private supplies in the District.

3. Individual Private Supplies

184 houses in the District (5.2%) are still supplied with water from individual wells or springs. 170 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 14 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available. Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring.

These samples gave the following results :-

Number taken	...	7
Satisfactory	...	2
Unsatisfactory...		5

4. Source of Supply to houses in the District

Table A on page 21 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. It will be seen that of 3,563 houses in the District, 3,334 (93.6%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 170 (4.8%) have spring or well water laid on internally, and 14 (4%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 14 houses are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance procedure. 45 houses are still supplied by standpipe or an outside tap.

Table B on page 22 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,262 houses in the District (91.6%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 72 (2%) from private mains.

(B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

1. Sewerage Schemes

(a) Cranmore. Work on this scheme continued throughout the year. Progress was very slow.

(b) Evercreech (and Stoney Stratton). By the end of the year the Council's Consulting Engineers were in a position to submit their revised proposals and the Council gave instructions to them to proceed to prepare the scheme in detail with a view to its submission to the Ministry and other Authorities. It was noted that the estimated cost of the first stage scheme (relief sewers in Evercreech, but excluding Stoney Stratton) was now estimated to cost £60,000. The whole scheme (excluding Stoney Stratton) was now estimated to cost £100,000, compared with the original estimate of £76,000.

(c) Lydford (East and West). Progress on the preparation of this scheme was slow due to difficulties experienced in obtaining agreement with land owners regarding the location of the works and pumping station. At the end of the year, these difficulties had not all be resolved.

(d) Batcombe and Westcombe. Little progress was made with the preparation of this scheme. The information required by the Consulting Engineers for preparing a scheme to deal also with trade waste could not be finalised. Temporary measures for improving the condition of the river at Westcombe suggested by the River Authority were not found to be practicable.

(e) Alhampton, Parbrook and Binegar. These three proposed schemes were again considered but adjourned owing to the commitments of the Council referred to previously.

2. Drainage of existing houses

Table B on page 22 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1968 as 1,723 (48.4%). 1,474 houses (41.7%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 366 houses (10.7%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage.

(C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on page 22 shows that 3,196 (89.7%) have a water closet. Ten houses (.3%) have shared closets, 331 houses (9.3%) have a pail or chemical closet, and 26 houses (.7%) have a privy closet. The Table also shows that 113 houses in the District (3.3%) have no sink and 839 houses (23.5%) have no bath.

(D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL / SALVAGE

1. Collection The new Dennis Paxit IIA (18-24 cub.yard) refuse vehicle went into operation in September. The fortnightly collection in each Parish continued.
2. Disposal Investigations into a Joint Incineration Disposal Scheme with other adjoining authorities continued. Although such a scheme was supported in principle by this Council, considerable economic difficulties were becoming apparent. The tip at Moorewood, Ashwick, continued in operation, but its future life is now very limited.
3. Civic Amenities Act Action was taken under this Act for dealing with various unauthorised rubbish dumps and abandoned cars. A special collection system of bulky refuse was inaugurated, and facilities were provided for depositing by the public of such items.
4. Salvage 19 tons. 13 cwt. scrap metal was despatched to the Dealers during the year, and the Council received £110.

(E) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

1. Smoke Abatement No action was taken during the year.
2. Caravans Two new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, eleven licences were in force for sites for individual caravans, and one for three caravans. Planning permission and a licence was issued for a further ten years in respect of the caravan camp for 20 permanent caravans. In proceedings brought against the former occupier of this site, eleven convictions were obtained and a fine of £33, with costs, imposed by the Magistrates.
3. Rag Flock There are no premises in this District where rag flock is manufactured or sold.
4. Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956 It was not possible to carry out any new inspections.

5. Rats and Mice Fifty-three complaints were received of rat infestation. Advice was given in respect of 6 cases of mice infestation. The Council's Part-time Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the Council's sewers at Croscombe, Ditchheat, Doultling, Evercreech, Gurney Slade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. It was again necessary to treat the stream at Croscombe. 136 premises were treated for the destruction of rats. At the end of the year the Council were regularly treating 18 farms by agreement.
6. Insect Pests Treatment and advice was given for flies and other insect pests.
7. Factories Table H on page 26 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year there were 21 Outworkers on the Council list, mainly employed in the Gloving industry.
8. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1964 There were thirty-four premises registered at the end of the year, in which 166 persons were employed. Twenty-nine premises were inspected during the year and defects found were required to be remedied by informal notice.
9. Swill Plants The powers with respect of the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958 by the County Council. There is one licence in force.
10. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 Four licences were renewed and one new licence issued during the year on the advice of the Council's Consultant Veterinary Officers.
11. Atmospheric Pollution Inspections continued regarding emission of dust etc, from Quarry plants etc. The improved conditions continued and there were no serious nuisances.
12. Complaints During the year 83 complaints were received, made up as follows :-

General Housing matters ..	3
Drainage/sewage disposal..	20
Rats and mice	59
Insect pests	1
13. Notices Fourteen Informal Notices and two Statutory Notices were served during the year.

(F) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance The number of houses ascertained by the comprehensive Housing Survey in 1955 was 326, and at the end of 1968, this number had been reduced to 47, of which only 17 are considered to be re-housing cases, (see Table D on page 23).
2. Improvement Grants Five applications for Discretionary Grants were approved during the year. Sixteen applications for Standard Grants were approved. Table H on page 26 shows that schemes for the improvement of 24 houses were completed during the year, of this number 13 were for owner/occupiers.

3. Private houses erected Sixty-two houses were erected by private enterprise during the year.
4. Overcrowding No cases were discovered during the year.
5. Rent Act, 1957 No applications for a certificate of disrepair was received during the year.

(G) COUNCIL HOUSES

1. Applications for houses At the end of the year there were 132 applications on the Council's Housing list, a decrease of 7 during the year. Of this total only 43 cases were considered to have established a housing need, and these applications consisted of 21 for houses and 22 for Old Peoples' Bungalows. During the year 18 houses and 8 bungalows were re-let when becoming vacant. Eight houses were erected and occupied. Twenty-one bungalows were erected and occupied. One Council house was sold. Details of applications, etc, are given in Table on page
2. Building programme Houses in course of erection - 7
(Ditchheat 5. Stratton-on-the-Fosse 2)
Bungalows in course of erection - 5
(Ditchheat).
Flats in course of erection - 4
(Dalleston).

1969 programme - 5 bungalows (Pilton).

(H) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
2. Ice-Cream There was one new registration for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
3. Food Shop Byelaws Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action was taken in some cases and this achieved the necessary results.
4. Food Premises Generally Table I (Analysis of Food Premises) on page 27 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
5. Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
488	6,096	727	1,019	8,330

6. Slaughtermen Six slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Acts.
7. Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out and Tables K and L on pages 28 and 29 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There were two cases of *Cysticercus Bovis* in cattle, (the larval stage of the human tape-worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C. on occasions when their inspector was away.
8. Other Foods Condemned 1,972 items of food (909 lbs) were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
9. Disposal of Condemned Food Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried, when necessary, on the refuse tip.

(I) SWIMMING BATHS

There is one swimming pool at Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, used only by scholars. Water is from the main, automatically chlorinated.

Deryck E. Clare...

John J. Lawrence.

TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES
EITHER OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING
OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number of houses having piped water supply into or on to house		Number of houses supplied by standpipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc.laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Ashwick	356	356	344	345	7	6	4	4	1	1
Batcombe	142	142	102	95	1	-	39	46	-	1
Binegar	85	89	83	87	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West.	85	89	85	88	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cranmore	141	143	119	124	10	10	11	8	1	1
Croscombe	224	234	211	226	7	2	6	6	-	-
Ditcheat	213	216	208	212	4	4	1	-	-	-
Doulting	191	195	173	182	10	4	5	6	3	3
Downhead	35	35	25	27	2	-	8	8	-	-
Emborough	47	47	45	45	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	525	557	496	532	7	6	22	19	-	-
Holcombe	243	254	239	253	3	-	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	47	47	38	40	-	-	7	6	2	1
Lydford	132	133	125	124	-	-	6	8	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	24	25	-	-	8	7	-	-
Pennard, East.	122	121	104	102	-	-	13	16	5	3
Pilton	275	277	257	260	3	2	15	15	-	-
Pylle	60	61	55	56	-	-	4	4	1	1
Stoke St.Michael	237	239	225	233	5	1	5	4	2	1
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	292	296	271	278	7	9	11	8	3	1
Total	3484	3563	3229	3334	67	45	169	170	19	14

Note : all records were revised during the year

TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	1967		1968	
	3,484		3,563	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>				
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	3098	88.29%	3218	90.32%
Houses with private main water	85	2.44%	72	2.02%
Houses with well, spring etc, piped to house.	169	4.85%	170	4.78%
Total houses with internal supply	3352	96.21%	3460	97.12%
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
Public main	46	1.32%	44	1.25%
Wells, springs, etc.	19	.55%	14	.39%
Total houses with external individual supply	65	1.87%	58	1.62%
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
Standpipe on public main	66	1.9%	45	1.26%
Standpipe on private main	1	.02%	-	-
Total houses with no individual supply	67	1.92%	45	1.26%
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	3082	88.46%	3196	89.7%
Houses with shared water closet	10	.29%	10	.29%
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	363	10.42%	331	9.29%
Houses with privy	29	.83%	26	.72%
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1617	46.41%	1723	48.36%
Houses drained to satisfactory cesspit or septic tank	1483	42.57%	1474	41.37%
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	384	11.02%	366	10.27%
(4) <u>Other sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	144	4.13%	113	3.2%
Houses with no bath	845	24.25%	839	23.52%

Note : all records revised during year

TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
<u>Total houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)</u>	3,484	3,563
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense	54	47
Houses in need of major repairs	105	95
Houses in need of minor repairs	403	393
Houses with some Public Health defect(s), mainly dampness or drainage	429	429
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects	1,475	1,499
Post-war private houses	355	417
Council houses	663	683

TABLE D - UNFIT HOUSES

Total houses classified as unfit as result of 1955 survey - 326
December 1968

Houses void and under consideration	...	8	
Houses occupied by old people who do not wish to be disturbed	...	20	
Other houses which will be subject to Demolition or Closing by Housing Act procedure	...	19	... Total 47

TABLE E - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications

(a) Total applications (including old people)

On list at 1st January 1968	...	139
On list at 31st December 1968	...	132

(b) Of total number. reasonable cases only

	<u>Families</u>	<u>Old People</u>	<u>Total</u>
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On list at 1st January 1968	...	28	37	65
On list at 31st December 1968	...	21	22	43

In addition to the 22 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December 1968, 12 old people occupying Council houses had applied for rehousing in a bungalow.

TABLE F - VISITS

					<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
1	Dwelling houses - Public Health Acts	...			6	13
2	Dwelling houses - Housing Acts	...	...		103	171
3	Improvement Grants	...	...	...	158	106
4	Council Houses	...	...	...	2115	2127
5	Water Supplies	...	...	...	53	29
6	Drainage and sewage disposal	...	...		234	189
7	Infectious diseases...	...	...	...	22	7
8	Atmospheric pollution	...	...	...	8	22
9	Refuse collection and disposal	...	...		48	92
10	Rats and mice suppression (By Rodent Operators)				1581	1634
11	Rats, mice and other vermin (By P.H. Inspectors)				43	13
12	Stables and piggeries	...	...	...	-	7
13	Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	26	29
14	Factories and workshops	...	...	...	5	2
15	Meat inspection and slaughterhouse..	...			463	446
16	Other food inspection	...	...	...	4	12
17	Butchers	...	...	...	9	2
18	Ice-cream dealers	...	...	...	49	3
19	Dairies and milk distributors	...	...		-	10
20	Public houses	...	...	...	12	5
21	Canteens and restaurants	...	...	...	65	1
22	Other Food premises	...	...	...	15	17
23	Interviews	...	...	...	64	99
24	Miscellaneous..	...	...	...	204	152

TABLE G - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Number of Grants approved	Applications	Houses
Up to December 1967	177	186
During 1968	5	5

Schemes completed	O/O	Tenant	Total	Previous Cat. of houses				
				Un-fit	Maj-or Rps	Min-or Rps	Fit	Non-Dom-estic
Up to December 1967	82	87	169	44	40	60	19	6
During 1968	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
Total	83	88	171	46	40	60	19	6

STANDARD GRANTS

Number of Grants approved	
Up to December 1967	172
During 1968	16
Total	188

Schemes completed	O/O	Tenant	Total	Previous Cat. of houses				
				Un-Fit	Maj-or Rps	Min-or Rps	Fit	Non-Dom-estic
Up to December 1967	72	66	138	6	44	53	35	-
During 1968	12	10	22	-	12	5	5	-
Total	84	76	160	6	56	58	40	-

TABLE H - FACTORIES

INSPECTION

	Number on Reg- ister	Ins- pec- tions	Number of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power Factories)	1	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (power Factories)	36	2	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
	37	2	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Defects	Number of cases where defects found			Number of prosecutions
	Found	Rem- ed- ied	Referred To HM. Insp. By HM Insp.	
Lack of cleanliness. Sec.1.				
Overcrowding. Sec.2.				
Unsatisfactory temperature. Sec.3.				
Ventilation. Sec.4.				
Ineffective drainage of floors Sec.6.				
Sanitary Conveniences. Sec.7.		N	I	L
(a) insufficient.				
(b) unsuitable or defective.				
(c) not separate for sexes.				
Other offences (not including Outworkers)				

TABLE I - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Regulation 16	Regulation 19	
		Applicable	Complying
Butcher only	1	1	1
Butcher and Sausage Manufacturer	5	5	5
Public House only	23	23	23
Public House and Restaurant	4	4	4
Public House and Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocer and Green-Grocer	14	14	14
Grocer and Ice-Cream Dealer	29	29	29
Bakehouse only	2	2	2
Confectioner only	1	-	-
Confectioner and Ice-Cream Dealer	4	-	-
Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	1	1	1
Restaurant and Canteen	4	4	4
Food Factory and Canteen	1	1	1
Wet and Fried Fish	1	1	1
Total	97	92	92

TABLE J - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED
AS FOOD PREMISES, etc.

48 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream. No premises registered for manufacture.

5 premises registered for the manufacture of sausages.

TABLE K - MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED 1968

1 Whole carcasses and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bruising	-	-	1	1	-	2
Fevered / Ill bled	-	-	65	1	16	82
Immaturity	-	-	7	-	-	7
Jaundice	-	-	14	-	1	15
Miscellaneous Conditions	-	-	-	1	2	3
Moribund	-	-	1	-	-	1
Oedema	1	-	8	5	9	23
Pyæmia	-	-	27	-	19	46
Septicaemia	-	-	22	-	26	48
Totals	1	-	145	8	74	228

2 Part carcasses condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess	2	1	1	1	13	18
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	4	4
Bruising	1	2	18	6	16	43
Miscellaneous Conditions	-	1	-	2	1	4
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	1	2	-	-	7	10
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	4	6	19	9	42	80

3 Offal condemned

2,153 items of edible offal were condemned

4 Total animals killed and inspected

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
444	44	6,096	1,019	727	8,330

TABLE L - MEAT INSPECTION 1968

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	444	44	6096	1019	727
<u>(1) Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of animals affected with tuberculoses	-	-	-	-	.1
<u>(2) Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis</u>					
Generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reasons	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of animals affected with cysticercus bovis	.45	-	-	-	-
<u>(3) All other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	145	8	74
Part carcasses or organs condemned	136	29	618	167	377
Percentage of animals affected	31	66	12	17	62
<u>(4) Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs), for -</u>					
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	15
Cysticercus Bovis	83	-	-	-	-
Other diseases	1595	646	8537	793	8342
<u>Total Weights condemned</u>					
Cysticercus Bovis -				83 lbs.	
Other Diseases -				8 tons 17 cwt 89 lbs.	

